

REMARKS

Applicant wishes to thank Examiner Nguyen for the courtesy of a telephone conference wherein the presently proposed amended Claim 30 was presented.

As discussed, Claim 30 responds to the comments in the Final Office Action by providing features associated with a higher level of executing branching by indicating the information defining the titles are directed to VM Internal Title Search Pointers and VTS Internal Title Search Pointers that respectively correlate title numbers which are assigned to titles with the route information. These features are distinguishable over conventional branching information that occurs during the execution of the program.

The *Taira et al* (U.S. Patent No. 5,636,200) does not suggest or teach such unique control information that is achieved by the present invention at a higher level than the control information embedded with the VOB accessed in the data body. By incorporating such control information at this management level, it permits an editor to appropriately arrange reproduction of multiple titles in a DVD and enables a reproduction apparatus to judge whether the AV functions are available immediately after the optical disc is inserted into the reproduction apparatus. As a result, AV functions with a DVD empowered with the present invention can function as swiftly as the existing CD reproduction methods.

We believe that the proposed amendment to Claim 30 more than adequately resolves this issue, and that Claim 30 and its dependent claims should be allowable, along with the already indicated allowable Claim 29.

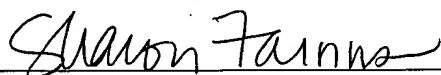
During the interview, Examiner Nguyen acknowledged that the amended Claim 30 appeared to moot the rejection based on the *Taira et a* reference, but reserved the right to perform an additional search upon the filing of the RCE.

Finally, dependent Claims 38 and 39 have been added to depend from the allowed Claim
29.

If the Examiner believes a telephone interview will help further the prosecution of this case, he is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the listed phone number.

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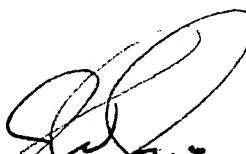


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